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Applicant: MAISI, Palvi et al. **Conf.:** 1293
Appl. No.: 10/019,248 **Group:** 1644
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For: METHODS AND TEST KITS FOR EVALUATING
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RESPIRATORY TRACT INFORMATION

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April 18, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months to April 18, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.